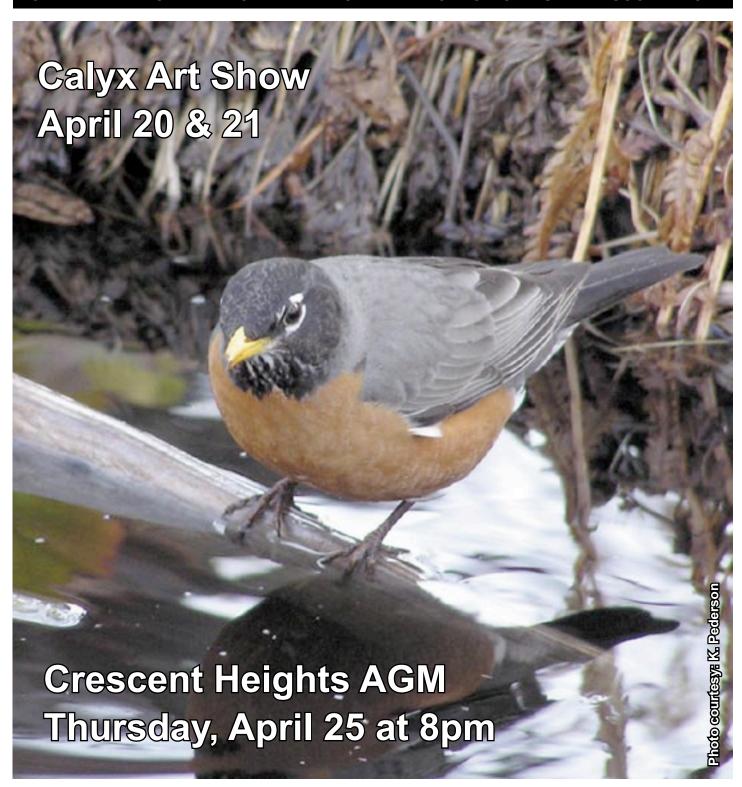




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President's Notebook

by John McDermid

Scheduled/Re-scheduled/TBA

Apologies for our re-scheduled stuff: the community walkabout with Rollin Stanley, Calgary's new General Manager of Planning, was originally set for February 16, then March 23 and has been further changed: it is now and immutably set for the evening of May 28 at 7:00pm. We'll meet at the hall and set out from there; hope you can join us for a stroll around the community. It's a chance to bend the ear of a senior city official through a interesting route around Crescent Heights, showing the good, the bad and the ugly from a number of perspectives: green space, transportation (traffic issues and walkability), redevelopment and our sometimes complicated relationship with the commercial corridors that are such a big reality in our community. There is talk of having the walk wrap up near a local drinking establishment. Thirsty work.

Annual General Meeting April 25, 8:00pm, or TBA

Similarly shy about committing to a date for the CHCA Annual General Meeting, we have tentatively settled on Thursday, April 25 at 8:00pm for the 2013 edition. This date too is subject to change, depending upon whether we are able to get our 2012 audited Financial Statements complete and finalized. Over the last five or six years we've missed the date twice, and because the review of the financials is always the centerpiece of the AGM, we'll need to reserve the right to re-schedule just in case the audit it not yet fully completely ready on the 25th. It's an important opportunity for our membership to scrutinize the financial management of the community association, and a chance for your elected board of directors to demonstrate the prudent and sound financial management that has been our way of doing business for more than a decade. Join us if you can for a quick business meeting, a look at the books, election of directors and a nice wine and cheese social to follow. Thanks to Lana McIntosh for letting us crowd in at the end of her Thursday fitness class time slot for the 25th of April; we'll make it up to you Lana!

At this year's AGM we will be seeking to fill some CHCA board vacancies: you may recall that we lost our friend and colleague Dave Dearborn from the Parks and Gardens "portfolio" in 2012. Dave decided the step back into a more operational role and became one of the fiercest of our ice rink shovellers over the past season. Parks and Gardens for the foreseeable future could involve exploring whether it's time again for a Crescent Heights Garden Tour, exploring the possible kick-start of a community garden, and generally monitoring activities in our major parks and green spaces. Those of you who scrutinize our newsletter masthead will see that the Environment directorship is also vacant, as is the Communications Director role that used to be occupied by Penny Smith. Communications is a position we want to "repatriate" to the board, as Penny very kindly continued to manage our e-mail list since leaving the board after several years of service, but won't be able to after the AGM this year. The role involves adding and removing individuals from our e-mail list according to their wishes, managing the flow of e-mail messages incoming to our CHCA hotmail account (chcaboard@hotmail.com) and moderating our outgoing e-mail flow to members. The outbound list is a valuable and important communications channel (especially when it is necessary to re-schedule events!) by which we can reach out to a cross-section of our membership on short

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notice. Please consider whether you might be interested in joining our board of directors at this year's AGM. If you would like to look in on us at a monthly board meeting to have a preview of how we roll, and perhaps kick our tires, contact me at 403-277-8653 and we can welcome you, perhaps to our April board meeting on April 9, just before the AGM on the 25th.

A very interesting aspect of convening a new board after each AGM is taking the opportunity to reorganize the board roles and responsibilities according to individuals' and our collective priorities, areas of interest and expertise. Our bylaws define only three board positions as comprising the Executive Committee, which are the President, Treasurer and Secretary. Beyond that, we define six additional board portfolios according to established and evolving needs: we will probably always have Planning and Traffic Directors, because we have so many challenges in respect of planning and traffic issues. The first CHCA board meeting following the AGM is a reshuffling of the deck and a refreshed look at priorities for the year ahead. We hope you can join us on the 25th of April.

So Clean You Could Eat Off It

May will see the return of two annual Clean-ups that have been an annual tradition in Crescent Heights for some years now. On May 5, a Sunday, we will again join Calgary River and Pathway Clean-up. This is the 46th Annual, and I'm pretty sure CHCA has been involved for at least ten of those events. We are registered for our customary assignment: north side of the Bow River, "River Left", from Edmonton Trail westward to the pedestrian bridge at Prince's Island. The event runs from 10:00am until 1:00pm, following which we have in recent years retired to the Fiddler's Courtyard pub for a well-deserved frosty beverage. I've claimed the t-shirt once again this year as the organizer of the event for CHCA, so if you are one of our regular crew or would like to try your hand at the clean-up, the more the merrier. I'll be contacting many of our returning clean-uppers through our River and Pathway e-mail list or contact me at 403-277-8653. We'll meet at the Starbuck's at Memorial and Edmonton Trail just before 10:00, issue supplies and head out. Remember to dress appropriately, wear very sturdy shoes and gloves, don't touch anything or anyone you don't like the look of, and we'll again make short work of our River Reach.

Daniel Dang has stepped up smartly once again this year and has snagged a great date for our Community Clean-up: Saturday May 18. This event runs from 9:00am until 2:00pm and involves City of Calgary Solid Waste Services, Bylaw and CHCA volunteers. Participants from prior years will recall that the event offers the opportunity to dispose of household waste that doesn't qualify for weekly collection (oversize or overweight items, bulky stuff, weird stuff, furniture, yard waste, but no chemicals, tires or hazardous waste, please!). May 18 is the Saturday of the Victoria Day weekend, so you can spend a little time getting all that junk collected up and over to the hall for disposal, and then you'll feel so good you'll take the rest of the long weekend off. Relax, put your feet up and smile at all the stuff you got rid of. The Community Clean-up is at the hall, will include the opportunity to dispose of electronic waste (we have logged staggering total weights of e-waste in past events) and there is discussion of having a commercial document shredding service on hand as well, but that has yet to be firmed up. An increasingly popular element of the clean-up has been the reclaimed items area. This is the one-person's-trash-is-another's-treasure area, where usable goods which have outlived their usefulness to one household may find a new life in another. Even if you don't have stuff to dispose of, a visit to the swap area is always worth a visit.

Grantsmanship

Thank to Kellee Grounds, CHCA is beginning to develop some much-needed expertise in the area of grantsmanship. Although we have tapped into funding sources that confer grants on qualifying non-profit groups from time to time over the years, we have never really developed real expertise in grant-writing applications. Kellee has fixed that situation, in working very hard to get an application for a significant grant in by the deadline, and timely follow-up that has resulted in a very good

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09	CHCA Board Meeting 7pm
16	CHCA Traffic & Planning Meeting 7-10pm
20 & 21	Calyx Art Show 10am – 4pm
23	CHCA Traffic & Planning Meeting 7-10pm
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30	CHCA Board Meeting 7pm

April at the Hall

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MONDAYS: Fitness Class 5-7pm, call Lana 403-999-5373

Dance and Fitness 7:30 – 9:30pm.

WEDNESDAYS: Fitness Class 6:30-7:15am, call Lana 403-999-5373

CHCA Playgroup 10 – 11:30am For info call Stacie 403-670-6872

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Tai Chi 7:30 – 9:30pm

THURSDAYS: Fitness Class 5:30-8pm

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For more a more detailed Hall Calendar and for event and activities contact information please visit:

http://www.calgaryarea.com/nw/crescenthts/calendar/diary.asp

Upcoming Events

May 05	46 Annual River and Pathway Clean-up 10am
	Meet at the Starbuck's at Memorial and Edmonton Trail
May 18	Community Clean-up 9:00am to 2:00pm
May 28	Community Walkabout 7:00pm

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outcome for CHCA. The funding agency is poised to make its formal announcement, which will have been done by the time you read this, but we'll give you all the details for this very significant funding opportunity in next month's issue.

Hello Frank

Finally this month, as I work on this item for the newsletter of a mild Sunday morning, here is a first Robin of the season, looking more than a little annoyed at the huge pile of snow that was the result of two early-March dumps of snow. We call him Frank, because he'll sing as sweetly as old Blue Eyes, and will sing painful early in the morning about six weeks from now, but he's here to stay for a while and welcome us into Spring.

Newsletter Editorial Deadlines

The Crescent View is published ten times per year.

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The July/August issue is combined into one publication and so is the December/January issue. The deadlines for these two issues are June 10 and November 10 respectively.

Please email your articles or event listings, as an attachment in MS Word form, to Elizabeth Stady at chcaview@gmail.com.

A special "thank you" to **Karen Goetz**

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Stanley Jones School 100th Anniversary Reunion

Location: Stanley Jones School, 950 - 6 Street NE and other locations in the Calgary area

When: October 4-6, 2013 (Friday to Sunday)



2013 marks the 100th Anniversary of the Stanley Jones School! Not only has the building stood for this long but it has been doing the same thing for ALL of those 100 years - educating our children. The weekend of Oct 4-6, 2013 is confirmed for our celebration. All students, alumni, teachers, staff, administrators (past and present) and anyone connected or interested in this iconic sandstone building are invited. Please refer to the website for event details, how to get tickets, photos, classmate information. This is a once in a lifetime event! Help us make it memorable! http://sj100.myevent.com/, or call Connie McLaren 403-512-7152.

Join Rollin Stanley on a community walk

Unfortunately, Rollin Stanley has asked to cancel our planned walk again. We have now rescheduled our walkabout for the evening of Tuesday, May 28 at 7pm.

We sincerely apologize for the many changes. This will be an opportunity for Rollin to better understand our concerns and challenges along with the hopes and aspirations we have for our community. We hope you can join us. We'll meet at the community hall.



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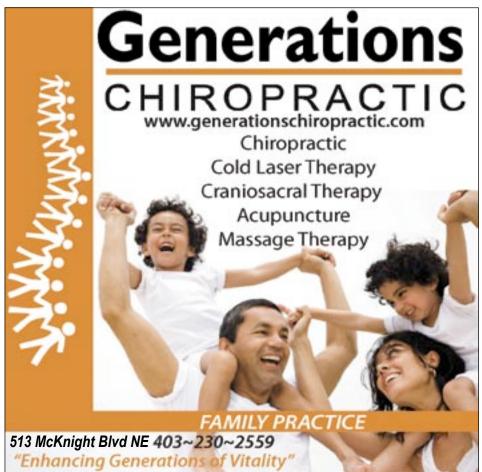
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Some Notable Crescent Heights "Century Homes" by Professor Z

2012 marked a year of historic celebrations in Calgary as many local institutions feted their 100th birthdays, the Calgary Stampede and the Calgary Public Library to name just two. One of the many historical happenings in Calgary last year was the Century Homes celebration, which came to involve over 500 Calgary homes, and during which many homeowners researched the history of their homes and then shared their "stories" by way of lawn signs displayed during Historic Calgary Week, July 27 to August 6th. Although most participants were not able to determine that their homes had ever been occupied by any persons of renown, many of the histories were fascinating nonetheless, and a fair bit of diversity and creativity could be seen in the presentations on offer. Century Homes' organizers recently received the Governor General's History Award for Excellence in Community Programming.

Locally, about 30 homes were enrolled in the Century Homes program. With last year's successes to draw upon, there are plans afoot to repeat the celebration in 2013, and *View* readers will be kept informed of the details as they become available. In an effort to fan the flames in the interim, I thought we would take a look at some of the Century Homes in Crescent Heights, including some that didn't survive long enough to celebrate their centenaries. This month, we'll stay on the east side of Centre Street; the article that follows will cover some Century Homes on the west side. Faithful readers will no doubt recognize some of these home histories from earlier articles.

312 Mount Pleasant Boulevard

(site now occupied by Holly Park Condominiums)

Adoniram Judson ("A.J.") Samis was a prominent Calgarian in the early part of the twentieth century and served as alderman on three separate occasions and as City Commissioner twice. Samis Road was subsequently named in his honor. AJ and his wife Anna constructed a two and a half storey, 4000 square foot brick home- photo attached- on their building lot in 1912, at the height of the real estate boom. The house was built in American Foursquare style and featured a quartet of large white pillars out front plus dormers and a "widow's walk" at the peak. Due to the financial constraints imposed by the war years, construction of the home wasn't fully realized until after AJ and his family had lived there.

The Samis family, including their two sons, resided in the property until the winter of 1922-23 during which, following AJ's final (unsuccessful) campaign for the City Commissioner position, and no doubt due as well to his ongoing battles with poor health not to mention his financial woes, he departed for Los Angeles, where he and his wife would spend the rest of their lives.

And what became of their "House on the Hill"? Immediately after AJ and Anna's departure, their residence functioned as a children's shelter for a number of years. By the mid 1930's, Albert Long and his wife Dorothy came to reside in the home; the Longs continued to live there until the late 1960's. The home was demolished in 1974 and construction of Holly Park commenced not long after.

202 - 2 Ave NE

Ernest R. Matthews and his wife Ada came to Calgary in 1904 from Nebraska. Ernest became a piano salesman locally with Hardy and Hunt Piano Company, and would by 1916 start his own business, Matthews Music House. The firm would in 1927 obtain the local Steinway franchise and would later market its own brand of pianos.



The Matthews purchased their residential property in 1909 and by 1910 had contracted with local builder Thomas Hewitt to build a home on the lot. They also had Hewitt build two adjacent homes, one at 206 - 2 Ave NE (recently demolished) and the other at 308 - 1 St NE, which still stands. The two and a half storey house at 202 was a "pattern book house"; in this case "Dustmans' Book of Plans and Building Construction", a Chicago publication dated 1909. The home was also Foursquare in style, with a hipped dormer out front. A notable interior feature was the enamelled Brickburn (a local supplier) brick fireplace. The house had bevelled-glass windows and oak trim and originally had an open front porch, which was enclosed after WW 11. The Matthews resided in the home until Ernest's passing in 1931; thereafter Matthews Music House was managed by their son Charles until it closed during World War Two, under challenging conditions for such businesses.

The 1985 purchasers of the property eventually demolished the house and rebuilt anew on the lot, after an attempted intervention by the now-defunct Alberta Historical Preservation and Re-Building Society.

315 - 11 Ave NE

This house, which unlike the two just mentioned is still standing, is known as the Hughes House because of its early occupancy by Dr. Ralph Raymond Hughes, a prominent local doctor who resided in the home with his family from 1918 to about 1941, thereafter moving to Scotland Street in the tony Scarboro district of SW Calgary. Upon his arrival in Calgary in 1912, Dr Hughes first resided- and practiced- at 231-16 Ave NW, where the first two of his four children were born, just prior to the family's move in 1918 to 11th Avenue in East Crescent Heights, then part of Regal Terrace. His only son Donald, who passed away in February 1919 at the age of five, may possibly have been a victim of the 1918-1919 Spanish flu.

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Making Connections

I sometimes get asked "Why do you go church?" and my general response is "for the sense of community". At Wild Rose United, community is at the heart of everything we do. How do we differ from social clubs? We deeply care about the people in our community, we miss them if they are away and they are our family.

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But it doesn't stop there connecting with the community - both Crescent Heights and the wider city are equally important for Wild Rose. Within the community, we work to support at risk students at Crescent Heights High School and provide meeting space for groups like Al-Anon and NA. We have recently started a clothing exchange to provide free stylish youth clothes to at-risk students at Crescent Height High School, we also provide bus tickets and school supplies to help support their studies.

More broadly, we work in conjunction with agencies like The Alex, Drop In Centre, Rosedale Hospice, Servants Anonymous. Wild Rose partners with the Drop In Centre on their Art Studio, providing both financial and social support for some of their clients. Drop by one day to see some of the arts for sale.

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The two and a half storey Edwardian gable-front Hughes House, featuring two upper balconies out front in addition to the porch on the first level, was constructed in 1914. It was initially valued at \$875 in addition to the three 25 foot lots on which the home was originally sited, each valued at \$625, according to the 1914 Calgary property assessment roll. Its first resident, according to the same document, was one Samuel Barkley, a sales agent for the Barrie Carriage Company. The Barrie Carriage Company, headquartered in Barrie Ontario, sold wagons, carriages and accessories, and was forced into bankruptcy by 1920, partially due to its attempt to diversify into automobile production in 1916.



Following the departure of the Hughes family in the early 40's, the Hughes House became a rooming house, and a variety of tenants resided in the property from then until 1982, when it sat vacant for two years prior to Kelly Smith's purchase of the house in 1984. Following renovations- some of which continue to this day- it now operates as a Bed and Breakfast, and under Kelly's watch has also provided a venue for house concerts featuring mostly regional folk, soul and jazz performers.

200 block, 10 Ave NE

Prior to his 1913 appointment as Calgary Parks Superintendent, William Reader had purchased four contiguous building lots in northeast Crescent Heights, not far from the Sharon Lutheran church. The Reader family, including son Harry born in 1902 and daughter Doris born in 1904, moved to their municipally-owned Union Cemetery residence in 1913, which was located on what would later become the Reader Rock Garden. William and Rose had however retained ownership of their home in Crescent Heights, which had been completed one year prior to their move. Their Foursquare-style two storey home with two enclosed porches was situated on a frontage of one hundred feet, generous even by modern suburban standards and almost unheard of in the immediate vicinity. The Readers planted a garden and established a tree nursery on their Crescent Heights property and by 1913 some trials with new plant species had begun there. Following the Reader family's move away from Crescent Heights later that year and until 1929, the house was rented to a variety of tenants;

it comes as no surprise that many such residents were occupied in the horticultural industry. Typical of this would be the 1915 tenancy by Harry Burrows, secretary of the Vacant Lots Garden Club. Beginning in 1930 however and until the late 50's, son Harry Reader and his wife rented the Crescent Heights home from their parents and raised their four children there. Harry, an accountant, also operated a nursery out of his Crescent Heights home (no doubt with some paternal guidance), retailing gladioli and roses as well as ornamental trees and shrubs by 1934, as evidenced by an advertising brochure bearing that date. Harry and his wife Anne also planted 14 apple trees as well as a blue spruce on the west side of the property. Around 1948, Harry enclosed the verandas shown in the attached picture to provide more living space for his family. When family matriarch Rose Reader passed away in 1958, the house was sold and Harry and his wife moved to a brand new bungalow in Briar Hill, thereafter relocating to Osoyoos upon Harry's retirement from Calgary Malting.

Unlike the original Reader Rock Garden cottage, the home the Readers built in Crescent Heights survives to this day and along with it, the generously-proportioned site which once served as home base for Calgary's most famous gardener.

As noted elsewhere, we'll move over to the west side of Centre Street for our next article. I would encourage any readers who are interested in sharing the histories of their own homes to get in touch with me c/o the View and we'll do what we can to make it happen!

References: Alberta Historical Preservation and Rebuilding Society records and photographs covering 202 2 Ave NE, held at Glenbow Archives; sources for the other three homes were cited in previous articles.

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Message from Druh Farrell

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If you haven't seen the plan yet, I encourage you to have a look on RouteAhead's website (www.routeahead.ca). You'll see that many of the projects will improve transit service in Ward 7, such as the North-Crosstown Bus Rapid Transit from Brentwood to Saddletowne, West Campus Mobility, and the North Central LRT.

RouteAhead focuses on improvements to customer service and includes better access and connections, shorter wait times, easier ways to pay, and an improved riding experience for the many Calgarians who take transit every day. Upgrading the system to four-car CTrains in 2015 will also greatly reduce congestion and make it easier for you to get to your destination!

Some interesting tidbits about Calgary Transit: in 2012 they had a ridership of 102,000,000 and provided 2.67 million hours of service. Calgary Transit has 970 buses, 192 Light Rail Vehicles, 163 bus routes, and 44 CTrain stations.

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Getting informed

- Wearing a helmet while cycling can prevent a serious injury or save a life.
- Brain injuries can cause permanent disability or death.
- Reduce your risk by always wearing your helmet.
- Replace any helmet that has been involved in a crash, even if it appears undamaged.

Getting started

- Allow children to assist when buying their helmet. Cyclists who choose their own helmet are more likely to wear them.
- Start the habit early. Young children learning to ride tricycles need to wear helmets.
- Parents must lead by example: always wear your own helmet when cycling.

Getting the right fit

- Take the time to properly fit and adjust your helmet to ensure maximum protection in case of a crash.
- When worn properly, helmets should fit level, not tilted up or down over the forehead.
- Helmets should feel snug, but not too tight. To test the fit, the helmet should not fall off when you shake your head from side to side while the straps are unfastened.
- Adjust the chin straps to form a "Y" below and slightly forward from the ears.
- Only one finger should be able to fit under the chin strap when it is fastened.
- Do not forget to use the sizing pads included with the helmet. They will help improve the overall fit and comfort.

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Community

MARLBOROUGH PARK

Marlborough Park Community Association Hall: 6021 Madigan Drive NE

Hall Rentals: Call 403-248-1775 Newsletter email: marlpark@shaw.ca

UPCOMING EVENTS

Social Club — April 12 & May 10,, in the lounge, 7pm — 12 am. Jelly Bean Dance - Friday, April 19 from 7 — 10pm - \$3.00 Volunteers needed

Fundraising Casino - April 29 and 30. Volunteers needed. **Community Cleanup** – June 1, 2013. Volunteers needed.

Blood Services: Canadian Blood Services at the Marlborough Park community centre gym, 6021 Madigan Drive NE, on July 5th.

Skate Board Park – June 24 – July 5 Lego Contest – coming Saturday, Sept. 21 Byte Camp – coming July 2 - 5 and Aug 26 - 30 Park & Play, Play & Stay – coming July 15 - 26 Youth Leadership Camp – coming Aug 12 - 23

AT THE HALL

NIA - (Non Impact Arobics) classes for ages 6-86. Tuesdays 6:15 pm. For more information phone the hall at 403-248-1775

Adult Drop-in Volleyball: Every Wednesday night from 8:30 to 10:30pm. Join us in the gym at the Marlborough Park Community Centre for fitness and fun!

Marlborough Park PreSchool:

On-going Registration. Please call 403-235-2996.

Loma Seniors Wednesday afternoons at 1pm. Please call Tony at 403-273-4534 for more information.

Drop-in Tai Chi Drop-in Tai Chi is held at the Marlborough Park Community Centre every Tuesday from 9:15 to 10:15am.

WINSTON HTS - MOUNTVIEW

Winston Hts - Mountview Community Association Hall: 520 - 27 Avenue NE

Hall Rentals: Call 403-276-5474 or Email hallmanager@winstonheights.ca Newsletter email: newsletter@winstonheights.ca

Mom's Night Out! We meet at a different restaurant on the second Wednedsay of the month from 7 to 10pm. We try to stick to eateries in and around the neighbourhood. If you'd like further information on this event, or would like to be added to our e-mail list, please contact Mary-Beth Walsh at (403) 209-1691 or mbnlily@yahoo.ca.

FREE Tax Preparation Clinics: Thursdays in April - the 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th - from 2 to 4pm at the hall. Volunteer tax preparers will assist individuals who have low income and simple tax situations prepare and file their 2012 tax returns at no charge. Eligible taxpayers served by this program include seniors, single parents, social assistance recipients, students or people that have low income. Please call Willa Dene Dohy at 403-277-3736 to book your appointment. Volunteer tax preparers and assistants are needed to help with this program. Please call Lenore Eaton at 403-276-3798 if you would like to help out.

Mom and Tots Playgroup: There are two playgroups that meet in the WHM Community Hall. Mondays, from 10-11:30am. Tuesdays, from 10am-2pm. For more info contact Mary-Beth Walsh at 403-209-1691.

Mother's Day Container Workshop: May 11th from 10 to 11am. Adults: \$10 and Children: \$2. Please bring your own container. Soil, water and plants to fill a 12" pot are included in the fee. Deadline for registration is May 9th. Limited to 15 adults and five children. Please register via email at garden@winstonheights.ca or call 403-238-1395.

RUNDLE

Rundle Community Association Hall: 2409 - 50 St. NE

Hall Rentals: Call 403-280-4752 Newsletter email: rumbles@shaw.ca

Volunteer Income Tax Preparation : For more information please email at fisherge telus.net or phone at 403 285-7354.

Rundle Annual Carnival: June 1st.

If you would like to participate by way of having a vendor table, please contact rumbles@shaw.ca. Tables are \$20.00

Rundle Junior Youth: Wednesday and Thursday afternoons
Still accepting participants. Everyone between the ages of 11-15 is
welcome to join. To learn more about this initiative and explore ways
you can help contribute to a better world. Please call 403-400-3191.

Tiny Talkers Preschool: Starts September 2013

PRE-REGISTRATION NIGHT Tuesday, April 30 at the hall, 6:30-8:30pm Register Early SPACES ARE LIMITED!

Mon/Wed/Fri Programs 4 Year Olds: 9-11am; 11am-1pm; 1-3pm Tues/Thurs Programs 2-3 Year Olds: 9-11am, 11am-1pm Call Tracy 403.703.2102 for more information!

Rundle's best kept secret! The Summit Pub at the hall.

The Summit Pub also offers pool tables, dart boards, as well as cribbage games on Tuesday and euchre on Thursdays. Wing night is still on Wednesdays. Families are welcome!

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Crib Night at the Rundle Summit Pub! Tuesdays 7 to 9pm Have dinner, play cards and have fun, fun, fun. All welcome.

Karaoke at the Rundle Summit Pub! Every 2nd Friday starting April 5th and 19th. Bring your singing voice and warble your favourite tune!

MOUNT PLEASANT

Mount Pleasant Community Association Hall: 602 - 22nd Avenue NW

Hall Rentals: Call 403-282-1314 or email: hallrentals@mpca.ca

Newsletter email: publicity@mpca.ca

Community Cleanup – April 20, 2013. Volunteers needed.

Pleasant Times - Upper Hall, 602 22 Ave. NW

Pleasant Times is an adults-only group that meets from 2 to 4 pm. usually on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the Upper Hall, 602 22 Ave. NW. Join us for good conversation, games, refreshments, and the opportunity to add your ideas for outings and other activities. If you'd like to be informed of our planned activities and trips in advance, please contact Linda at (403) 289-8390 or lohanlon@telus.net. You also can check mpca.ca for information.

Book Club - 4th Tuesday (usually) of the month from 7 to 9pm in the Lower Hall. Our April 23rd book is *Speaking My Truth, Reflections on Reconciliation and Residential School*, edited by Mike DeGagné and Jonathan Dewar. Our May 28th book will be *The Good Earth* by Pearl S. Buck.For more info email lohanlon@telus.net or call Linda at (403) 289-8390.

Mount Pleasant Playgroup

Register for the winter session of The Mount Pleasant Playgroup which runs to June 14. It's close by and it's inexpensive: only \$37.50 for our five month winter session plus a few hours of your time volunteering. For information you can email mpp.chair@gmail.com.

CROSSROADS

"I live in Crossroads!"

Crossroads Community Association
Hall: 1803 14 Avenue NE Ph: 403-277-6201
Hall Rentals: Call the hall at 403-277-6201
Newsletter email: convenor.editor@gmail.com

Facebook page: http://on.fb.me/fqqjLG

DEATH BY CHOCOLATE!: Ladies Nite Out at the hall. Sat, May 4th. Doors open at 6pm. Contact 403-277-2168 for more information. All proceeds go to the Crossroads Community preschool.

Crossroads Community Preschool: Accepting registrations for the 2012/2013 school year. Please call 403-277-2168 or 403-640-4967.

Crossroads 50+ Club: Meet every Monday at 6:30pm at the Crossroads Community Centre. Join us for fun times and meet your neighbours. For information call 403-277-6201 or visit our website at: www.crossroads50plusclub.com

Free Family Movie Nights are Back!

Friday, April 19 / May 17 - Doors open at 6:30pm, movie starts at 7pm Pick up your Perk - our CCA Membership gets you a coupon for a FREE concession item!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Teen Night: 7-9:30 pm — April 12 **Good Food Box Pickups** — April 12

Ladies' Tea Party — April 14, 2 — 4 pm in the Large Hall Family Movie Night: 7-9 pm — April 19 / May 17 Pub Night: 7:30 pm — April 26 / May 31

4th Annual Crossroads Multicultural Festival - May 25, 2013

The Festival Committee is looking for people who would like to be part of this successful event. We are also looking for cultural performances, cultural groups to host information tables and donations of foods. Come out and share your culture with our Community. If you would be interested in participating and/or volunteering please contact ccamulticulture@gmail.com or Shannon at 403-474-4298.

Get involved! Your community needs... <u>YOU</u>!

BRIDGELAND-RIVERSIDE

Bridgeland Riverside Community Association Hall: 917 Centre Avenue NE

Ph: 403-263-5755, Hall email: hall@brcacalgary.org Newsletter email: newsletter@brcacalgary.org Visit our web site at: www.brcacalgary.org for a complete listing of programs and classes.

Bridgeland Soccer - Season starts April 22, 2013 and will run until the end of June (coaches discretion). Registration for U4 & U6 closes April 10th. Please go to our website www.brcacalgary.org for more information or to register.

Beacon Original Art: Spring Show & Sale : Saturday May 4th from 10am to 4pm. Artists display & sell high quality art. More info at: beaconoriginalart.com

Bridgeland Riverside Playgroup: We meet Wednesdays from 10am to noon at the Bridgeland Campus of Centre Street Church, 235-8A Street NE. For more information email: events@brcacalgary.org.

Connections

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BRIDGELAND cont

Women's Centre - The Women's Centre of Calgary is a unique street-front organization that provides a variety of services and opportunities to the women of Calgary. We offer drop-in support services and all programs and services are free. Join us for a workshop or drop in for coffee and to connect with other women. We are located at 646 – 1st Ave NE. You can reach us at 403-264-1155 or info@womenscentrecalgary.org. April Workshop Schedule

Self Defense: March 28th, April 4th, 11th, Thurs, 6:00-8:00pm Restorative Yoga: April 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd,30th, Tues, 2-3pm Keyboarding: April 3rd, Wed, 12:30—2:30pm Creative Story Telling: April 8th, 15th, 22nd, Mon, 12:30—2:30 pm

Introduction to Microsoft Word: April 10th, Wed, 12:30–2:30 pm Annual General Meeting : April 10, Wed, 5:30-7pm Digital Literacy: Putting it All Together: April 17th, Wed, 12:30–2:30 pm

TUXEDO PARK

Tuxedo Park Community Association Hall: 202 29 Avenue NE

Ph: 403-277-8689

Newsletter email: tpcanewsletter@hotmail.com

Tuxedo Events Calendar: visit www.tuxedoparkcommunity.ca/events

Yoga: Tuesdays at 7:30 in Upper Hall.

Tuxedo Park Safe Communities: April 17, at 7:30pm. All welcome. Speakers:

- Calgary Police Force Community Liaison Constable Will Johnson
- Federation of Calgary Communities, Building Safe Communities Initiative Stephanie Sokolowski
- Recovery Acres (1835 House) Jim Calverley

The meeting will be a Q&A style meeting. Constable Johnson and Stephanie will share information on what we can do to report crime and deter crime in our neighbourhood.

CRESCENT HEIGHTS

Crescent Heights Community Association Hall: 1101 - 2nd Street NW

Hall Rentals: Call 403-804-5600 Newsletter email: chcaview@gmail.com

Calyx Distinctive Arts: 25th semi-annual Exhibition and Sale of original artworks by local artists on Sat. April 20 and Sun. April 21 from 10am - 4pm, at the Crescent Heights hall, 1101- 2nd St NW. Free Admission, Free Parking, Free Draw. For more information please call (403) 244-8150 or visit our website at www.calyx.ca

Community walk with Rollin Stanley - Tuesday, May 28 at 7pm. Join the Crescent Heights Planning Committee on a (rescheduled) walk through our community with Rollin Stanley of the City of Calgary. Our stroll will last one hour and we will meet at the community hall at 7pm.

46 Annual River and Pathway Clean-up: May 5th. Meet at the Starbuck's at Memorial and Edmonton Trail just before 10am.

Community Clean-up: May 18. 9:00am to 2:00pm.

Empties For Equipment! Crescent Heights High School's monthly drop-off bottle drives. Thanks for helping support various clubs and teams - your donations make a huge difference to us! Drop-offs take place the second Saturday of the month - **April 13th.**

Thanks for your continuing support!

CRESCENT HEIGHTS cont

Programs at the hall

Tai Chi: 7:30 — 9:30pm

SUNDAYS: Pentecostal Church Public Service 10am – noon MONDAYS: Fitness Class 5-7pm, call Lana 403-999-5373 Dance and Fitness 7:30 – 9:30pm.

WEDNESDAYS: Fitness Class 6:30-7:15am, call Lana 403-999-5373 CHCA Playgroup 10 – 11:30am, For info call Stacie 403-670-6872 Zumbra: 5-7pm, for information call 403-826-5926

THURSDAYS: Fitness Class 5:30-8pm. For info call Lana 403-999-5373 For more a more detailed Hall Calendar and for event and activities contact information please visit:

http://www.calgaryarea.com/nw/crescenthts/calendar/diary.asp

HIGHLAND PARK

Highland Park Community Association Hall: 3716 - 2nd Street NW

Hall Rentals: Call 403-276-6969 Newsletter email: highlandparkeditor@gmail.com

SENIOR'S LUNCH: Please join us at the Highland Park Community Hall, 3716 – 2 St. NW on the third Monday of the month, at noon. Date: April 15th. Cost: \$5/member, \$10/non-member Call Anne Klempa at 403-277-3388 to confirm your attendance.

Hall Programs:

Karate: Every Monday, 6:15 – 7:15pm (kids), 7:30 - 9:30 (adults)

LEAD Program, City of Calgary, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Scottish Country Dancing: Every Tuesday, 7:30 – 9:30pm

Martial Arts: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 7:00 – 9:30pm

Irish Dancing: Every Wednesday, 5:00 – 9:30pm

Highland Park Play Group Parents and little ones ages 0-5 years: come out to play, meet others in the neighbourhood and socialize! Come join us downstairs. Jubliee has a beautiful child friendly space with toys and a play structure that they are offering to the community. When: Mondays 9:30-11:00am (unless it is a holiday)

Where: Jubilee Church 458-35 Ave. NW

For more information contact: Carla Rae Shaw at 403-475-0742 or shaw.cr@gmail.com. This group is run by local community residents.

<u>RENFREW</u>

Renfrew Community Association

Hall: 811 Radford Road NE Ph: 403-230-7055 Hall Rentals: Call 403-230-7055 and leave message. Newsletter: newsletter@renfrewcommunity.ca

Renfrew Bingo - The little hall with the big payouts!

Saturday and Monday evenings. Nickel Games at 6:10pm, regular games at 6:50pm, Satellite at 8:45pm. Concession open.

5th Annual Tiny Tots Sale: Sat, April 13, 9am to 2pm. Gently used children's clothing, books, gear and toys. Partial proceeds from each purchase go to support the Renfrew Tiny Tots Co-op Playgroup. Contact renfrew.tinytots@gmail.com or visit www.renfrewtinytots.com for more info.

Renfrew Hall Calendar:

Calgary Mountain Bike Skills Park Association AGM & Open House
April 117pm-9pm (Park Site: Renfrew's bottomlands by Science Centre)
Meeting at RCA Hall . (bikeparkscalgary@gmail.com
Jelly Bean Dance - April 19 and May 17, 6 to 9pm
Edmonton Trail Visioning Project, Part II: The Reveal - April 20, 8:30-11am
Bottle Drops: April 27 and May 29

RENFREW cont

Renfrew Community Pub (Social Room)

Most Fridays from 7pm until close. Non-members welcome - be our quest. Free pool, free shuffl eboard, free foosball.

Stanley Jones School 100th Anniversary Reunion

October 4-6, 2013 (Friday to Sunday) at Stanley Jones School, 950 6 Street NE and other locations in the Calgary area. All students, alumni, teachers, staff, administrators (past and present) and anyone connected or interested in this iconic sandstone building are invited. This is a once in a lifetime event! Help us make it memorable! http://sj100.myevent.com/, or call Connie McLaren 403-512-7152.

Renfrew 50+ Club: Pool table and dart board available for members. Recruiting new members for 2013. Membership \$20 for the year. Need volunteers to help make the Thursday lunches.

Mondays: 9:30 to 11:30am - Tea & Conversation, 1 to 3pm - Cribbage

Tuesdays: 9:30 to 10:30 - Stretch & Breathe

Thursdays: Lunch at noon

Fridays: 9:30 to 10:30am - Stretch & Breathe

MARLBOROUGH

Calgary Marlborough Community Association Hall: 636 Marlborough Way NE Ph: 403-273-5894

Hall Rentals: Call 403-273-5894 or email

calmarca@telus.net

Newsletter email: cmccnews50@yahoo.com

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Ladies Night Out - May 9th Community Clean-up - June 1st Boot Sale - June 8th

Stampede Breakfast - July 13th

PROGRAMS AT THE HALL

MONDAY: Yoga - upstairs - Fireside Room - 7:30 to 9pm. Please call Marq at 403-273-7952 for information.

TUESDAY: Social walking – downstairs, 9 to 11am

WEDNESDAY: Sparks - 6 to 7:15pm; Brownies - 6 to 7:30pm;

Beavers - 6pm

THURSDAY: 50+ Club - Whist and Bridge every Thursday at 1pm in The Alpine Loft, 2nd level (Elevator available) Pot-luck lunch every third Thursday. New members welcome!

- Yoga upstairs - Fireside Room - 1:15 - 2:45pm Call Marg Berger at 403-273-7952 for information.

FRIDAY: Military Whist in the Alpine Loft (Elevator available) the 4th Friday of the month.

SATURDAY: Lounge - Fireside Room. Open on some Saturdays. We are taking private bookings, call the office at 403-273-5894 to book. Last Saturday of the month - Jam Sessions and Euchre. Euchre starts at 7:30 everyone welcome.

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Junior High registration is on-going. Please contact 403-500-2016 for tour times and information.

It's not the doorknobs that are dense by Wayne Goddard

Some 15 years ago during a Crescent Height Area Redevelopment Plan meeting concerning style, I was introduced to the notion that a proposal by Frank Lloyd Wright could never get through the approval process at Calgary City Planning. What would pass easily, as it is a concept understood by city planners, would be a simple stucco box of several units. For some years after that I would try to find a dissenting opinion whenever I found myself in conversation with an architect or designer. I eventually gave it up as a lost cause. During that same time I found myself at several town hall meetings on various matters and would ask planning department employees why some particular approach was chosen. The responses tended to be either ludicrous or outright lies, never possessed of logic. Whether the intent was to discourage questions, protect corporate secrets or esoteric knowledge, the result was the same. When another multi-unit infill was proposed for my block my first reaction was to question why the character and mature landscaping of established communities should be destroyed in the doctrinaire quest for densification. This led me to the question of whether the brown stucco boxes of many units. seemingly inspired by a stack of sea-cans with the doors removed, actually led to densification.

I decided that if city planners would not consider questions concerning their theories, I owed it to myself to question mine and I saw I had a perfect situation to examine both.

The block north of 13th Avenue NW and bounded 1st and 1A Streets has no back lane. Two different land use designations are separated by only the back fence running north/south behind the lots. The two existing multi-units on 1st Street are adjacent to each other and near 14th Avenue. They follow the usual pattern of garage doors and hard surface driveways facing the street and a small common green area in the back. Together they have a total of nine units and a population of ten residents. The 13th Avenue end of the block has five detached homes, soft landscaping at the front, each with private green space at the back and they also have a population of ten residents. 1A Street is zoned single family only and in the same length of block face has 11 front doors. Total population is 38. Having had the benefit of densification theory, 1st Street has 50 per cent more doors but only 50 per cent of the population of 1A Street. There is a chilling component to the situation. At a recent SDAB hearing related to the most recent multi-unit proposal it appeared the impartial representative of city planning was saying that population density is measured by front doors. A board member noted this and asked if it was being said that population density is determined by counting doors rather than people. The reply was "doors".

The influence of le Corbusier, Swiss/French philosopher and architect, is apparently still with us. In 1923 he wrote that he believed cities should be planned by experts who understand the science of urbanism, and not left to the shifting views of the population. My lasting impression of le Corbusier is that he theorized more than he built.

Inner city densification? As presently encouraged by city planning? In how many ways can "total utter failure" be expressed? Perhaps something that could fit on a bumper sticker.

Calyx Is Coming!

Calyx Distinctive Arts presents its 25th semi-annual Exhibition and Sale of original artworks by local artists on Saturday April 20 and Sunday April 21, 2013, from 10am - 4pm, at the Crescent Heights community hall, 1101 - 2nd St NW. Free Admission, Free Parking, Free Draw.





Artists will be in attendance to discuss artworks and techniques in painting, printmaking, sculpture, jewellery, metalwork, woodwork, ceramics, glass, fibre and more. Different artists will be participating each day, so please attend both days. There is normally a line-up of customers waiting for the doors to open at 10 am, so come early for the best selection!

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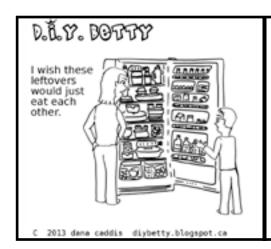
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Come visit us at Louise Riley if you'd like to find out more about showing your collection.



Aquaman, vol. 01: the trench by Geoff Johns. Part of DC Comics New 52 reboot initiative, and I couldn't have asked for a better reintroduction to one of my favourite superheros! Aquaman has had a tough life as a DC character – he's been a walking pun, on and off, for most of his 72 years in comics. This book acknowledges the facts and then continues to show just how awesome he is-- not to mention how tollerant! Oh also, the art is beautiful!



Big Mean Mike by Michelle Knudsen, illustrated by Scott Magoon Meet Big Mean Mike. He has a big, mean bark and a big, mean car. And he does *not* hang around with tiny, fuzzy bunnies!

MONDAYS at your library...

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Community Eco-Enthusiasts Our green future is now! Discover the many eco-initiatives that can change and inspire your community. Presented by Gerald Wheatley, Arusha Centre.

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Law at Your Library: Personal Directives and Power of Attorney: Learn how to plan for possible loss of independence, including critical issues surrounding decision-making for personal, medical, accommodation and financial matters if you become incapable of doing so yourself. In partnership with Calgary Legal Guidance. Thursday, Apr 11, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Registration required

See you soon at the Louise Riley Library!



Off the Shelf

Book Review by Judith Umbach

Nightwoods

by Charles Frazier

Luce has found a place of equilibrium: a minimal job in a historic but dilapidated cabin, close to an older wise woman, with sufficient food from the surrounding woods and occasional forays into a small town. In *Nightwoods*, Charles Frazier breaks her world apart.

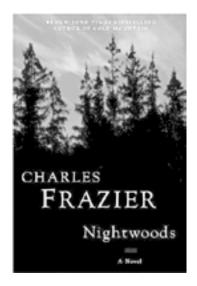
Without a warning, Luce feels compelled to take on the sheltering and nurturing of her sister's two damaged, desperate children, orphaned by the murder of their mother in an unacknowledged crime. Luce instinctively and gently nudges the children to curtail their fascination with setting things on fire. She seduces them into listening to bedtime stories.

With regret, she realizes that she has to find actual money to feed and clothe them. Both Luce and the children must ease their way into the wider community. Small towns are not necessarily the romantic realm of harmony and caring neighbours. Sometimes they preserve the male-dominated status quo, inhabitants sticking together regardless of higher moral issues. This is the small town Luce knows.

Thus, she is particularly wary when Stubblefield arrives, the son and heir to the man who had employed her to take care of his deteriorating house. Until he meets Luce, Stubblefield (surely a name chosen with care) has led a normal but sterile life, and at first he only wants to settle

his father's estate. Except that Luce first intrigues him, then attracts him and finally engages him in his own emotional journey. As gently as Luce binds with the children, Stubblefield binds with Luce – available, supportive, loving.

Children don't stay on the paths adults set. Their beautiful, charming self-sufficiency is undermined by their young age and natural immaturity. Genuinely frightened by real evil, they borrow the mule of the wise woman to literally find their own path to salvation. However, Luce has become a mother to them, thus in finding and saving them, she finds and saves herself.



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CHOICES: Public, Private or **HOMESCHOOLING?**

Their eager little eyes watch as the books are passed out. They pick up their pencils and are ready to begin. What will they learn today? Whether children are attending a public school, charter school, private school or home school, they may not know or care about the differences between the various educational options available in Alberta but parents sure do.

There are four different types of "schools" in this province – public, charter, private and home school. What is a school? According to the School Act, a "school" means a structured learning environment through which an education program is offered to a student by (i) a board, (ii) an operator of a private school, (iii) an early childhood services program private operator, (iv) a parent giving a home education program, or (v) the Minister. Let's look a little closer one of these CHOICES – HOMESCHOOLING!

Why do Families consider homeschooling?

One of the common reasons why many families choose to home school – that is, to achieve better morals, values and a more cohesive family unit. Other reasons might include special needs or academic reasons. Many find the classroom too crowded or that their children's needs are not being addressed. There are as many unique reasons why families choose this option as there are families!

What do I need know?

There are basically two further choices - (1) Parents can opt for "school-directed" program which can include online options, distance education, fully aligned, etc. (2) Or they can design their own education program with little or no support from the school. Each option has its own legal requirements.

Funding and Support?

The Alberta government recognizes HOMESCHOOLING as a legal choice for families and supports this option! To receive government funding you need to register with a recognized authority before September 30 of each year. It is through the school authority that funds are received and distributed according to their internal policies. It is also the school authorities' duty to ensure that the requirements are being followed.

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